



Summit Stake Tabernacle, Coalville, Utah

OUR MUSICIANS

*The tunes that were played, I'm sure that you know,
Were the quaint old folk tunes of long long ago,
When Music was made in the "Parlor."*

Music has always played an important part by adding spiritual uplift and happy entertainment to the people of Henefer. As early as May 7, 1871 James Lythgoe was authorized to organize and preside over a choir in the Heneferville Branch. James became the first choir leader and undertook the assignment with serious intent. His organist was William P. Paskett, who, with William Brewer was chosen to go to Great Salt Lake to purchase a new organ for the Branch. The trip was made with a team of horses and wagon and an organ was purchased for the sum of \$75.00. When they returned home with the prized possession it was taken to the home of William Paskett so he could practice the hymns for the Sunday services. It was later moved to the meetinghouse. Some time later William Paskett purchased an organ for himself for \$100.00 from a Mr. Weaver of Echo, Utah. William and his family moved to Grouse Creek in 1877 and his organ was purchased for use in the church. William Brewer was selected as ward organist in 1877. Mary Ann Fowler also served as organist about this time.

In 1890 Bishop John C. Paskett appointed Stephen Beard as President and leader for the choir. He taught a singing class in his home for many years. Elizabeth Ellen Dearden was organist for the class. Wednesday night was "Choir" night and choir practice was seldom missed. Soon the class grew so large it was necessary to move to the church for practice. Some of the members were only 14 years of age. The names of some of the choir members were: Isabella Britton, Priscilla Danks, William Richins, Hannah Stephens, John C.